

OTTAWA JEWISH BULLETIN & REVIEW

Project Renewal Selection

Ottawa to Link with Or Yehuda

by Wendy Elliman

The seventeen Ottawa U.J.A. Mission members who visited Or Yehuda near Tel Aviv recently attracted considerable attention. Toothless old men waved from their balconies, housewives smiled shyly, and the children crowded around the visitors with cries of "shalom" and welcome. The tour of the neighbourhood was thorough: it lasted several hours and included inspection of buildings, homes and community facilities.

The Canadians were examining conditions in the Shchunat Bet quarter of Or Yehuda with a view to twinning with the neighbourhood under Project Renewal, Prime Minister Menachem Begin's \$1.2-billion scheme to rehabilitate Israel's 160 distressed neighbourhoods. The group, led by U.J.A. General Chairman Charles Taylor, was attempting to obtain a clear picture of the physical, socio-economic and cultural problems of the neighbourhood, and thus to play an effective role in upgrading the lives of Shchunat Bet's 5,000 residents.

"More people should see the conditions here," said Mr. Taylor. "It's difficult to believe how it is unless you see it."

Conditions in Shchunat Bet are, in the words of Prime Minister Begin, "intolerable to a Jewish society." Thirty-five percent of the population lives in substandard housing. The shoddy buildings of Shchunat Bet, hurriedly built in the sixties to replace the huts and tents of the transit camp, are now crumbling around their occupants.

Mayor Yitzhak Bukobza outlined Or Yehuda's thirty-year history to the group.

"The neighbourhood is populated chiefly by Jews of Iraqi, Libyan and Turkish origin," he explained. "Families are large

— about half the population of Or Yehuda is less than 18 years old — and the two- to two-and-a-half-room apartments are desperately inadequate and overcrowded. The physical problems of overcrowding spill over into the entire town, and in Or Yehuda today we have one of the highest crime and drug rates in the country."

Murray Ages, a lawyer in Ottawa, commented: "I've seen slums in Canada and now I'm seeing them here — and they're really very much the same: a breeding ground for crime."

To see for themselves what overcrowding really means, the group visited two of Shchunat Bet's 1,470 apartments and met with the families who live there. In the first, their thirty-year-old hostess stood dully watching her visitors, four of her nine children cluttered around her. The eyes of the children were bright and inquisitive, but the mother displayed only apathy and hopelessness. Her husband

is too ill to work regularly. The walls of her home are mouldering and her apartment is dank and bare. "She has given up," said Bernard Dolansky, an Ottawa dentist. "She has lost hope."

The second family had enlarged and decorated their home. The hostess would not hear no to her offer of Turkish coffee, and the group sipped the thick steaming liquid while they listened to the story of their hostess. "I came to Israel from Iraq when I was six years old," she told them. "I was one of eleven children and I didn't go to school. We lived for four years in a tent, and after that for eight years in an asbestos hut. My husband and I have sent our two older children away to school," she went on sadly. "We're a family of seven and there is simply not enough room for us all here."

Many members of the group were awed by the extent of the challenge that twinning with Or Yehuda will offer their community. The urgency of rehabilitation in Israel was, however, pointed out by Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat at an early morning meeting with the group.

"There's never been a successful renewal program anywhere," he told the group. "But nevertheless we've started ours and ours will be different. In North America slums have never jeopardized the existence of the society there. But if we don't solve our social problem in Israel, we jeopardize the very existence of Israeli society . . . We wanted to create an extraordinary society in Israel. Instead we had to concentrate on survival. But we still want to create that different society — progressive, cultured and civilized — a society to which Jews all over the world can look with pride."

The Mission members examined Or Yehuda. They put their questions to municipal officials, community workers and Project Renewal personnel, and they took their findings back to Ottawa for the Community to share in the far-reaching program ahead.

The linking of the Ottawa Jewish Community and Or Yehuda Bet will be the focal point around which the Ottawa Project Renewal effort will be directed in the 1979 Campaign.



Chick Taylor listens intently to Mayor Yitzhak Bukobza of Or Yehuda as he explains the problems facing the municipality. The Mission Members were on their way to visit an apartment block in the neighborhood and to talk with the people about their problems and their hopes.

B'nai B'rith Lodge Names 1978 Citizen of the Year

Gordon Viner, President of B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge No. 885 announce the recipient of the 1978 Citizen of the Year Award. The recipient is Rev. Norman Johnston, well known Ottawa Police Department Chaplain and adviser to young people.

Rev. Johnston is widely admired and respected for his work with young men and women. He founded "Operation Go Home" in 1972, a programme to help young people who need assistance in returning home. The programme has spread across Canada and into the U.S.A. and is operated by several thousand volunteers.

Rev. Johnston's work as Ottawa Police Chaplain has been praised by judges, lawyers



Rev. Norman Johnston

and members of Service organizations. He has been able to use his own life experiences and involvement in Alcoholics

Anonymous to help those who are in trouble.

Norm Johnston serves on the Board of Directors of the John Howard Society of Ottawa; the Ottawa Volunteer Association; the Ontario Association of Corrections and Criminology. He was the Founding President of the Big Brothers Association of Ottawa.

Rev. Norm Johnston is married and has three sons.

B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge No. 885 first presented this award in 1952. Since then it has been presented to 23 leading Ottawa citizens. This year's Award Dinner, under the chairmanship of Lou Eisenberg, will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 1979 at the Jewish Community Centre, 1512 Chapel Street, Ottawa.

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Vaad Report

by Gilbert Greenberg

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(Jewish Community Council)



The Ottawa U.J.A. Mission

Chick Taylor, the General Chairman, and sixteen of his associates in the leadership of the 1979 United Jewish Appeal have just returned from a productive eight-day Mission to Israel.

Using buses and small planes, they covered the entire country from the Good Fence and the Golan Heights in the north, to a forward air base in Sinai in the south.

They were briefed by Jewish Agency and government officials, by the military and by ranking members of the industrial and municipal establishments. The trip had many highs but by all accounts, the forty-minute private audience with Prime Minister Menachem Begin was the most significant of all.

The Mission had three purposes. First, to get a better understanding of Israel's political, military and economic situation in the face of the peace talks and the crisis in Iran. Second, to learn more about what the Jewish Agency and the Keren Kayesod-United Israel Appeal from separation does in Israel. And finally, to select a neighborhood under Project Renewal with which the Jewish Community of Ottawa can be linked. According to Chick, the objective was realized on all three counts.

Chick went on to tell me about the spirit and excitement which the Mission generated. These positive feelings were reflected in the increased questions which were asked of speakers and in the contributions which each individual made to the 1979 Campaign and a matching gift to Project Renewal before returning home. Most of the group will head trade and professional divisions in the 1979 campaign or will solicit special names prospects. They are eager to transmit what they learned and their enthusiasm is certain to be infectious.

The one sobering note is the sense of isolation which the Israelis feel. Thank goodness Israel still has some friends in the world but the one steadfast, unequivocal ally on which she can depend is the Jewish people. That means you and me. History has placed an obligation on us which we simply cannot deny.

The Mission will be the launching pad for the 1979 Campaign. Chick and his associates are at work now organizing for the all-out effort in April and May to raise sufficient funds for our local, national and overseas commitments.

Public Affairs Programs

B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge recently added another dimension to its program when it invited The Honourable Jean Chretien, Minister of Finance, to address an open meeting at the Jewish Community Centre on the subject of "Our Choice — The Future of Canada". Over 200 came to hear his talk.

In a style all his own, Mr. Chretien spoke emotionally about Canada, about his political opponents and about himself. With an eye to the forthcoming federal election, he explained his party's economic program and underscored Liberal claims that they have the best chance to save the country from separation.

Public affairs programs of this type are useful and it is good to see that the Lodge took the initiative in this case. We should have more of them.

Israel Cancer Research Fund

You will be interested to learn that an Ottawa Branch of the Canada-Israel Cancer Research Fund has been established. The group emerged from a membership gathering at the home of Ruth Zeikovitz on February 1. It was well-attended and the response was very positive.

Dr. Robert Oseasohn, Professor of Medicine and Chairman of the Department of Epidemiology at McGill University spoke. As a member of the Canadian Scientific Advisory Board of the Israel Cancer Research Fund, he explained that Israel provides unequalled opportunities to study the genetic, ethnic and psychological influences on the development of the disease because its people have come from so many different countries and have such a variety of characteristics. Major research projects in Israel can be carried out at a third of the cost in Canada or the United States.

With the formation of the Ottawa Branch, the Jewish community joins the nation-wide effort to help Israel become a world-centre for cancer research. One can only hope that the work of her doctors and scientists will be a success.

A More Active Vaad Hakashruth

Dr. Baruch Diena, the Chairman of our Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth, has reported to me that the restructuring of that body has been completed and that the new group has met to chart its directions for the coming year.

The move towards re-organization was triggered by the recognition that laymen should play a more active part in the promotion of kashruth and in the administrative policy-making process than is now the case. On matters of halacha or Jewish law, however, the board will continue to be bound by the rulings of its Rabbinical Advisory Committee.

In addition to the Rabbis, the Vaad Hakashruth has eighteen members, including the Chairman, fourteen representatives from

Establish "Ben and Mary Steinberg Foundation Fund"



The late Ben Steinberg and the Canadian Arthritis Society.

The beneficiaries have already begun to receive the benefits of the late Mr. Steinberg's far-sighted bequest.

Bennett W. Steinberg, the son of Louis Steinberg and the late Leah Steinberg, was born on October 7, 1912. He attended Lisgar Collegiate and then went on to St. Patrick's College where he earned a B.A. degree in 1935.

He entered the service of the Government of Canada and was employed as an auditor in the Audit Division of the Department of Supply and Services. In this capacity he travelled to many parts of the country to supervise government audit controls. He retired from the Civil Service in July, 1973.

He was active in Young Judaea as a youth, going on to serve as president of a flourishing Ottawa Young Judaea group for several years.

Mr. Steinberg was a member of B'nai B'rith and of the Ottawa Zionist Society in which he took a leading role. As a member of the Alumni Society of Carleton, he took a keen interest in the development of the university. He was also affiliated with the Arthritis Society of Ottawa.

A traditional Jew and devoted synagogue-goer and supporter all his life, Mr.

Steinberg was a member of both the Beth Shalom and Machzikei Hadas Congregations. He was one of the leading proponents for the construction of the new Machzikei Hadas Synagogue in Alta Vista and was looked on as a tower of strength in his capacity as treasurer of its Building Committee.

An ardent Zionist for years prior to 1948, Mr. Steinberg rejoiced when the State of Israel was established and followed her trials and progress with deep concern and interest. He and Mrs. Steinberg visited Israel several years ago, accompanied by his father.

Those who knew him best describe him as a good man, unassuming, conscientious and compassionate. He would not hear ill of anyone and he helped many people in an anonymous way. He shunned publicity, preferring to do what he regarded as his duty in quiet, self-respecting dignity. He was a cultured individual who had an excellent grasp of local, national and international affairs and was never afraid to speak out against what he regarded as injustice in all its forms. The terms of his Will best express the values by which he lived.

In acknowledging Mr. Steinberg's generosity, the Officers and Directors of the Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation point to his example as evidence of the acceptance which the Foundation has gained. Increasing numbers of families and individuals are turning to the Foundation as the instrument for endowing causes during their own lifetimes and in perpetuity thereafter.

In that light, the importance of the Foundation for the future well-being of the Jewish Community of Ottawa and its associated agencies at home and abroad cannot be over-emphasized.

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VAAD REPORT — Continued

Synagogues and three individuals at large. Of the congregational appointees, Beth Shalom has named four; Agudath Israel and Machzikei Hadas, three each; and Young Israel and Adath Shalom, two each. The Chairman is appointed by the Officers of the Vaad with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees.

In brief, the terms of reference of the Vaad Hakashruth from our By-Laws, in brief are:

"To ensure the availability of kosher meat and fowl; to engage shochetim and supervise shechita (ritual slaughter); to provide hashgacha (supervision) for the kosher butcher shops

and kitchens of the Centre, Hillel Lodge, Hillel Academy, Synagogues and other institutions requesting same; to co-operate with bakeries, caterers, camps and others in the preparation of kosher foods; to promote kashruth observance; to administer the budget and to report periodically to the Vaad."

This Is Or Yehuda

Ottawa's Project Renewal in Israel

Background Data

Or Yehuda is located approximately 5 kilometres from the Greater Tel Aviv metropolis and 5 kilometres from Ben-Gurion airport in Lod. The town has a population of 19,000 inhabitants and enjoys a climate of mild wet winters and hot humid summers.

The first settlers arrived in Or Yehuda in the early 1930's and were placed in temporary asbestos huts (maaborots). Most of the original residents came from Iraq and they constituted at one time 70-80 percent of the population. Today the demographic grid is more representative of Israeli society as a whole and reflects later immigrations. Iraqis account for only 45 percent while the other 55 percent is made up of immigrants from Libya (15 percent); Turkey (5 percent); Georgia and Bokhara (15 percent); and Eastern Europe and Israel 20 percent. The settlers from Asia and North Africa came in the early 1950's and 1960's. Those from the Soviet Union came in the late 1960's, early 1970's. In the Shchunat Bet neighbourhood itself, Iraqis are the majority of the inhabitants while Georgians and Bokharans make up the rest of the population.

Sixty-five percent of Or Yehuda's population is under 40 years of age. In the Shchunat Bet neighbourhood children under 13 and senior citizens predominate. Upwardly mobile young couples tend to leave preferring to settle in other areas of Or Yehuda or in other cities.

Approximately 5,000 people live in the Shchunat Bet neighbourhood, in 1,470 apartment units. The neighbourhood is made up of two types of housing: apartments built in the early 1960's and occupied by veteran immigrants (Iraqis) and high rise apartments built in the 1970's and occupied by Russian immigrants. The former is the focal point of the redevelopment plans since these buildings are dilapidated and in need of renovation. It is within these apartments that the problem of overcrowding is most acute. They range in size from 48 square metres - 70 square metres, and have an average population of 5 individuals per family.

The Shchunat Bet neighbourhood has 13 kindergartens for ages 3-5 and an enrollment of 560. There is only one day care centre for infants 2-3 years of age attended by 40 children. Two elementary schools serve the neighbourhood (6-12) and have 450 pupils. Children from 13-18 attend middle and high school outside of the neighbourhood. Or Yehuda has 2 high schools, both of them Government operated, one providing religious instruction and the other one being secular. The secular school also attracts students from neighbouring communities. Only 10-15 students from the Shchunat Bet neighbourhood attend institutions of higher education, while there are only 60-70 students from the entire town enrolled in universities and colleges.

The Shchunat Bet neighbourhood has one public health facility that serves 10,000 people. It is staffed by general practitioners and nurses. There are no medical specialists inside of Or Yehuda. The town council building located at the edge of the Shchunat Bet neighbourhood also functions as a community centre where classes are offered in a number of subjects pertaining to family health and the home. A public library, with 30,000 volumes is located there too.

Shchunat Bet Neighbourhood

The Problem: Physical

1. Substandard Housing — The apartment blocks hastily put up in the early 1960's are dilapidated and beginning to fall apart.
2. Overcrowding — Families of 5 individuals and more live in apartments consisting of 48 square metres, 54 square metres and 70 square metres. (A square metre is approximately 10 square feet.)

The Problem: Social

1. Recreation facilities — Nonexistent for small children. A sliding pond was erected in a garbage strewn lot a week before the recent November elections.
2. Community centre — An empty structure exists in the Shchunat Bet neighbourhood but goes unused because of lack of funds. The town council would like to transform it into a 'nerve centre' for adolescent activities.
3. Community Pride — Frustration prevails. Litter is strewn on the empty lots that separate apartment blocks. Gardens are not kept and the streets are dirty. Successful young couples leave for better neighbourhoods.

The Problem: Economic

1. No large scale industry — Most wage earners are forced to commute to Tel Aviv or Lod for jobs. This creates a dependence on inadequate public transportation or the necessity to own a car.
2. Shopping areas — Residents do large scale purchasing in Tel Aviv. Local commercial area is comprised of grocery stores and small shops.

More U.J.A. Appointments



Sarah Berke
Vice-Chairman
Women's Division



Vera Kleen
Vice-Chairman
Women's Division



Ethel Taylor
Vice-Chairman
Women's Division



Morley Goldfield
Co-Chairman, May 27
Walkathon - Bikeathon



Dave Polowin
Co-Chairman, May 27
Walkathon - Bikeathon



Irving Taylor
Chairman, Participation
May 27 Walkathon - Bikeathon



Gladys Greenberg, Chairman of State of Israel Bonds, Women's Division, completes Gift Cards of the Israel Bond Gift Club to be sent to Ontario Premier William Davis and Catherine Clark, daughter of Joe Clark and Maureen McTeer. Pictured with Mrs. Greenberg are (left to right) husband John Greenberg, General Campaign Chairman, State of Israel Bonds, M.P.P. Reuben Baetz who enrolled Premier Davis in the Gift Club and M.P. Jean Pigott who enrolled Catherine Clark.

Israel Bond Club Growing

Ontario Premier William Davis and Catherine Clark, daughter of Opposition Leader Joe Clark and Maureen McTeer, have been registered in the Israel Bond Gift Club.

MP Jean Pigott has enrolled Catherine Clark in honour of her parents' recent visit to Israel and MPP Reuben Baetz has enrolled Premier Davis to mark the opening of Ontario Park in Israel.

Meeting with John Greenberg, Campaign Chairman of Ottawa Israel Bonds and Gladys Greenberg, Women's Division Chairman, Mrs. Pigott and Mr. Baetz announced that they would actively seek the support of their friends and associates to the Gift Club so that Israel may benefit by the additional purchases of State of Israel

Bonds.

In a joint statement, Mrs. Pigott and Mr. Baetz stated that Israel deserves and needs the support of every Canadian who believes in peace and democracy. "Through our action", they stated, "we hope that many of our friends will follow suit and join us in demonstrating their concern for peace in the middle east and their support for Israel". Mrs. Pigott and Mr. Baetz indicated that they would communicate with friends and associates urging them to contribute to the Israel Bond Gift Club.

The enrollment of Catherine Clark in the Israel Bond Gift Club was announced at a luncheon of the Ottawa National Council of Jewish Women by Mrs. Helen Makow,

Israel Bond Chairman of the Organization and Council members responded with gifts to the Gift Club in her honour. Catherine's mother, Maureen McTeer, was the guest speaker at the luncheon.

In addition to Premier Davis and Catherine Clark, the following are presently registered in the Gift Club:

Kevin Barwin, Sydney G. Bernard, Benjamin Broitman, Ronald Calof, Brian Cohen, Arnon Fishbain, Jeffrey Fishbain, Eric Mitchell Goldfield, Alexander Lithwick, Lawrence Moskovic, Lorne Pollock, Ron Resnick, Andrew Richter, Eli Sasson, Eric Segal, Lynda Taller, Allan Taylor, Jared Toronto, Mitchell Zinman

WORLD NEWS

The Jews of Iran: A Community in Fear

(excerpted from the Baltimore Jewish Times)

It may be the Revolution of our time. The proud headstrong monarch who once headed what was thought to be one of the most stable countries in the Middle East, has now been overthrown.

This is Iran.

And in this nation of terror and repression, opulence and corruption, Western modernity and Eastern tradition, live some 80,000 Jews who had tied their fates to that of the endangered monarch.

Until the Shah fell, the fate of those 80,000 Jews hung in abeyance. Though the Jewish ramifications of Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlevi's ouster were debatable. It is now clear that the new government is decidedly anti-Zionist and anti-Israeli.

Oil-rich Iran is the home of the single largest Jewish community in the Islamic world. Jews first came to the area about 2,500 years ago, after the Persian King, Cyrus the Great, conquered Babylon and liberated the Jewish slaves. Until the early 1900's Jews were treated as second-class citizens and confined to densely-populated ghettos.

Most of the nation's Jews are members of the Irani Jewish community, which has its base in Teheran, the Iranian capitol. An offshoot of that group, the Mashedi community, were compelled to embrace Islam about 150 years ago. A group of about 3,000 families, the Mashedis practiced Judaism secretly and returned to open practice when a more tolerant religious climate prevailed. A third group composed of Iraqi Jews immigrated to Iran within the last 50 years.

Conditions for Jews changed at the turn of the century when the father of the current Shah came into power. Jews were free to work where they pleased and were permitted to travel without restrictions. Since 1953, when the current Shah ascended to the throne in a CIA-engineered coup, Iranian Jews have become relatively affluent and enjoyed at least token representation in government.

And though the nation's illiteracy rate hovers at about 75 per cent, approximately 22,000 Jews are enrolled in schools across the country.

Under the monarch's rule more than 60,000 Jews were allowed to emigrate to Israel, though the exodus reportedly had slackened off considerably in recent years.

"The Jews there have never had it so good," says David Zargari, one of 23 Iranian students attending Baltimore's Ner Israel Rabbinical College.

Those who deposed the Shah have already announced that they would stop selling oil to Israel, which received about half of its oil from Iran.

The Shah has maintained unofficial relations with Israel for years and was one of the first foreign dignitaries to endorse Egyptian Prime Minister Anwar Sadat's peace initiative. Israeli companies and technical experts have been cooperating with Iran in some of the nation's large-scale farming developments.

It was former U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger who masterminded a secret multi-billion dollar arms deal with the Shah in which U.S. dollars that went to Iran for oil were returned in payment for weapons and military services. With Iran buying nearly one-fifth of U.S. arms exports, the exchange helped offset the American foreign trade deficit and gave a strong ally in a generally hostile region. Now, with the government of neighboring Afghanistan and Pakistan tilting to the Soviet Union, the collapse of the Shah looms as a major geo-political set-back for the U.S.

In addition to the oil Israel used, some Iranian oil going to the West used to pass through the Israeli pipeline from Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba to Israel's Mediterranean ports.

According to Mideast experts, Israel will have to import oil from producers such as Mexico, Venezuela, Norway and Nigeria since Iran under the new regime has stopped dealing with Israel.

With the handwriting on the wall at least 8,500 Iranians, most but not all Jews, visited Israel during the last three

months, and 500 asked to remain as immigrants. Large numbers are expected to arrive in the weeks ahead.

Jews arriving in Israel from Teheran say their exodus was spurred by rumors that Islamic leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, has instructed his followers to prevent Jews from leaving Iran. The Jews would be held as hostages for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, according to the rumors.

Some of the new arrivals said Iranians were not paying their debts and that law and order has virtually broken down in commercial transactions. But other Jews have expressed optimism that when the present strife dies down they will be able to return to Teheran and reclaim their property.

Meanwhile, some 300 Israelis employed by various commercial enterprises in Iran have remained there although their families have been evacuated to Israel.

"The Jews in Iran are finished," says Dr. Joseph Churba, former senior intelligence advisor on the Middle East and to the U.S. Air Force and author of the book, *The Politics of Defeat*.

Why are they finished? "Whoever wins, they lose." Neither the Marxists nor the Moslems would tolerate a Jewish presence and even if the military prevailed, they will necessarily be repressive because they will have to align themselves with the mood of the population. The Jews' position is intolerable. Now we have to pay close attention to the Iranian situation, to Soviet involvement, news of which has been embargoed in the U.S.

Jewish and Persian history have long been intertwined; usually it has been a good experience for both. When Cyrus conquered Babylon he was thought by some Jews to be the Messiah. The Shah may not inhabit quite so lofty a place in Jewish hearts, but there is no question that under his reign Jews prospered and were allowed as much freedom as is possible in such a state.

The Iranian status quo has been good to the Jews — but new, and possibly darker times are ahead.

Israel Absorbs 'Boat People'

Special To the Globe and Mail
Jan 23, 1979

About 100 Vietnamese "boat people" being airlifted from Manila are due to find a haven tomorrow in Israel, a country many of them had never heard of. Waiting to ease their integration are about 60 former boat people who have proven since their arrival 18 months ago that you don't have to be Jewish to make a go of it in the Jewish state.

"It seems to me that we've been absorbed better than most Jewish immigrants," says Dr.

Tran Quang Hoa, a surgeon at the Sheba Medical Centre near Tel Aviv. Dr. Hoa's group, rescued from a leaking boat in the South China Sea by an Israeli freighter, is preparing a welcoming party for the new group. The newcomers were selected from among the 2,300 refugees packed into the small freighter Tung An which has been stranded in Manila Bay for the past month.

Israel's Government was the first to offer to take in more than a handful of Tung An refugees. This act as well as

their earlier rescue has been termed by officials an act of conscience by a people with bitter memories of what it is to be a refugee.

However, the unexpectedly successful absorption of the first group undoubtedly helped to influence the most recent Government decision. The original group of 66 had been expected to use Israel as a stepping stone to the United States or Western Europe. Only six, however, have left Israel while two Vietnamese have been born.



Ethiopian Jewish farmer



Funeral procession

Falashas Stage Vigil

In an act of desperation, the black Ethiopian Jewish community of Israel staged a two day vigil last month at the Knesset in Jerusalem. The Falashas are anguished over the fate of their families caught in the cross-fire of the wars raging since 1974 in Ethiopia. The 28,000 remaining Falashas there have been singled out for unusual punishment by the numerous non-governmental warring factions fighting in Ethiopia, and fear a second Holocaust, according to a written statement of the (mere) 300 who have emigrated to Israel.

Meanwhile, some 300 Israelis employed by various commercial enterprises in Iran have remained there although their families have been evacuated to Israel.

The latest reports, confirmed by the Joint Distribution Committee, put almost 7,000 people homeless, 2,000 in refugee camps, and hundreds

killed or kidnapped and sold into slavery.

Israeli Falashas claim that the Jewish Agency and world Jewish organizations responsible for relief to oppressed Jews, have not done enough to help the Jews in Ethiopia. The Falasha leaders made it clear that their demonstration was not an indictment of the government of Ethiopia which is now struggling to hold their country together and to bring it new social reform.

A flood of articles about the Falashas has been appearing world-wide. These suggest possible colour prejudice, question the diligence of specific agencies and consider conflicting diplomatic interests.

Jews Found In N. Yemen

A Jewish community numbering between 1,000 and 2,000 souls has been discovered recently living in the Republic of North Yemen, it was reported on an army radio station programme in Tel Aviv.

It had been thought until now that the "Magic Carpet" operation of the early 1950's had brought all Yemenite Jews to Israel.

U.S. Congress publications report that an American embassy official in the North

Yemen capital Sana came across 40 Jews at Wadi Wajbara, all of whom were craftsmen working in wood or silver.

The Jews are on good terms with their Moslem neighbours and, despite robberies and brigandage in the area, enjoyed their full protection. They were free, they said, to go wherever they wished within the country and to practise their religion. They had no desire to leave North Yemen.

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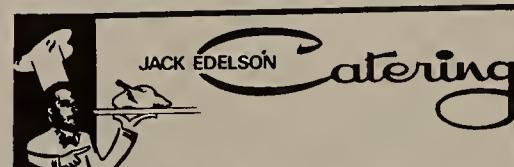
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Book Review by Gaye Applebaum

The Yemenite Girl, Avon Books 1973, 221pp., a first novel by Curt Leviant is the most exciting novel I have read in years! It is a superbly crafted story in every aspect, with its story which is both funny and serious, its characters who come alive and who move through its pages so vibrantly, and its flowing words which Leviant has used so beautifully to create an incredible shimmering impression. This must be the sleeper of the year — I certainly wouldn't have given it second thought if the JCC librarian hadn't assured me I'd like the book.

Shulstish, "a writer from New York, who had pretensions to being a translator and critic of Bar-Nun's works, a man who always sought to be near his idol, and unconsciously assumed the older writer's walk, ways, style and speech patterns" has come to Haifa for his sabbatical to be near his idol Bar-Nun, "the last of the traditional writers, the last one who combined Hebrew and Jewish." Hisaim is to finally obtain a tape recording of the elder writer's short story, "The Yemenite Girl", a story Shulstish translated more than 30 years before but has held back from every publishing.

Shulstish's obsession with the story leads him to search for his own Yemenite girl — the muse brought to reality — when he meets Miriam, a servant in Gutman's house. The book is concerned with Shulstish's own examination of his fifty years and what he has accomplished, his fantasies and realizations that his search can't be transferred to reality. It is a book about Israel and the writers of her early statehood — an affectionate yet critical portrayal of "an Israel with a Hebrew culture without the values and knowledge of Yiddishkeit".

Shulstish befriends Bar-Nun and laments his passing at the same time as he laments his own confrontation with middle age and the passing of what he sees as the Jewishness of Israel. Gershoni, the venerated Israeli doyen of letters, has a Christmas tree and even the Israeli publications of Bar-Nun's works must have footnotes to explain "tefillin".

"Our words are so empty. We are not Bar-Nun's," states Shulstish. Nor am I the writer Leviant who has written a moving and warm portrayal of his hero and his relationships. I look forward with enthusiasm, to a second.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Kaplan for a donation to the Library in honour of the 75th birthday of Mr. Hiram Kathnason.

Thanks to Ms. Lorna Barnbaum for her donation to the Library of "The Economic War Against the Jews" by W. H. Nelson and T. Prill.

Jewish Students' Union

University students who will not be going home for Passover and who wish to make arrangements for the Seder should contact Rabbi Bulka, 521-9700 or Nina Alexandor, 232-7306.

An All Night Movie Extravaganza will be held Saturday, February 24, at 11:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre.

Thursday, March 1 will be Israeli movie night at the University of Ottawa. All students and professors are urged to come view, discuss and socialize.

General Information booths will be set up at the University of Ottawa one day a week beginning the week of March 5. The tables and movies will be set up in the Agora of the Unicentre. Those interested in manning the booths should contact Shelli Witten (232-7306 or 231-3388).

March 6, 7, and 8 mark the dates of the Israeli Cultural Fair at Carleton University. There will be a General Information Booth on March 6 in the Snake Lounge in the Unicentre (across from the Faculty Lounge). For further information see article

on Israeli Cultural Fair.

Our final event is scheduled to be held at Disco Reflections on Sunday, March 25. Get down and boogie with Jewish Students' Union. Watch your mail and this column for further information.

For information concerning J.S.U. events contact Shelli Witten (232-7306, 231-3388), or Nina Alexandor (232-7306 or 231-7499).

Golden Age

The Golden Age Club has had many very well attended, successful and eventful meetings.

The executive and members want to thank the lady volunteers of the Services for Jewish Elderly for their lovely luncheons which are very well organized by the Director Mrs. Rusty Torobin.

Future plans for Purim and Mother's and Father's Days are being organized.

We want to thank Mrs. Schachnow and Mrs. Glatt of the National Council of Jewish Women for their monthly Bingo.

Israeli Cultural Fair

Emil Fackenheim to Speak

There is an admission charge of \$2.00 per person.

Folk Dance Cabaret

A Folk Dance Cabaret will take place March 8, in the Main Hall, Unicentre at 8:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Ami Chai Dancers and students from some of the international clubs at Carleton. Admission is free; refreshments will be served.

Israeli Art Exhibit March 10 - 14

The Jewish Community Centre is proud to present an exhibit and sale of Israeli art from the collection of Bela Gelbman of Ottawa.

The exhibit of approximately seventy pieces, including the works of Josi Stern, Mordechai Feuerstein, Irgany Bruckman, Alexander Putov, and others will be on display in the Adult Lounge from March 10 through March 14.

The owner of the collection, Mr. Gelbman was born in Czchoslovakia in 1925 and was educated in Hungary. In 1945, he emigrated to Russia, where he, eventually became an art dealer. He moved to Israel in 1972, and was the owner of an art gallery in Haifa. Mr. Gelbman has resided in Ottawa since March, 1978.

Further information on this event can be found below.

The Jewish Community Centre Presents An Exhibit and Sale of Israeli Art

From the Collection of Bela Gelbman of Ottawa

OVIDA ALKARA

Born in Druse Village Dallat el Carmel, Israel in 1939:
Exhibits include:
1971 Museum of Modern Art, Haifa, Israel
1972 Art Fair, Zurich, Switzerland; Old Jaffa Gallery, Jaffa, Israel
1973 National Gallery, Ottawa, Canada; Art Fair, Dusseldorf, Germany
1974 Goldman's Art Gallery, Haifa
1975 Mabat Gallery, Tel-Aviv



YEVGENY ABESHAUS

Born in Leningrad, U.S.S.R. in 1939
Studied; Graduate of Leningrad Higher Art Institute
1975 Leningrad Non-Conformist Artists; First Leningrad Exhibition Group "Alef"
1977 Came to Israel: Israel Art Center, Jerusalem; "12 From the Soviet Underground" Travelling Exhibit (U.S.A.)



ODED FEINGERSH

Born in Jerusalem, 1938
Exhibits include:
1974 Spring Exhibition, Dabel Gallery, Ein-Karam; Portrait, Artlets-House, Jerusalem
1974 Maaks, Deval Gallery, Ein-Karem; Children's Games, The Small Gallery, Jerusalem
1976 Dizengoff Priza; Chess in Art Exhibition, Goldman's Art Gallery, Haifa; Flags, Israel Museum, Jerusalem; The Tel-Aviv Museum
1977 Kirstein Gallery, Tel-Aviv



IVGANY BRUKMAN

Born in 1925
1973 Rothschild Cultural Centre, Haifa
1974 Yad Le-Banim Holon
1975 Museum of Art, Elat
Balt Chagall, Haifa
1976 Hajam Muuam, Haifa, the first prize "Danla" Gallery, Haifa
1977 "Sachar" Gallery, Tel-Aviv
The Tel-Aviv International Art Fair



Also Works by

RUTH ILAN, ROON ALON, JOSI STERN, ALEXANDER PUTOV,
MORDECHAI FUERSTEIN

Opening Night: March 10, 1979, 8:30 p.m.

Continuing March 11 - 14, 1979

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
ADULT LOUNGE**



Jewish Community Centre News

Ottawa Jewish Singles Club

(in conjunction with the Ottawa Jewish Community Centre) For the Ottawa Jewish single, separated, widowed or divorced person. It arranges recreational activities, provides opportunities to form friendships and helps with common problems.

Remember to come out to our "SWEETHEART DANCE" this Saturday, February 24. Details were published in the last Bulletin. People receiving our News Letter, remember to bring your SINGLES BUCK.

Another reminder, our "SKATING PARTY" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, February 25 and/or "BRUNCH" at 12:30 same day. Full details also in the last bulletin or see your News Letter.

Remember, the BRIDGE GROUP: Meets weekly at the

J.C.C. in Room 108, Sundays at 7:30 p.m. An active group with steadily growing attendance. More cards players are always welcome.

New activities are on the drawing board. They will be announced in the very near future. We do not require a membership. You need only be Jewish and single. For general information call Reuben Lighstone at 729-1359. Come out to our activities, we'll be happy to meet you!

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Departure: May 28, 1979
June 24, 1979

Cost: \$995 U.S.
Cost: \$1,095 U.S.

SUMMER IN KIBBUTZ — 60 days — Ages 18-23

A volunteer work programme, including 50 days working on a kibbutz and 10 days touring and seminar.

Departure: May 15 and May 28, 1979
June 11 and June 25, 1979

Cost: \$800 U.S.

ARCHAEOLOGY SEMINAR — 42 days — Ages 18-25

A chance to work with world-famous archaeologists during a six-week programme, 4 weeks of which is devoted to the Dig at Tel Michal, the remainder to touring. This programme offers 4-6 college credits.

Departure: June 20, 1979 - August 5, 1979

Cost: \$1,183 U.S.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR ON KIBBUTZ — 47 days — Ages 16-17

Programme includes 25 days on Kibbutz where participants will learn Hebrew and participate in a 5-day travelling seminar. There will be 12 days of field trips to the Golan, Galilee, Jerusalem, Masada, Elat, etc. Also, 5 days at a Kibbutz Seminar in Elat.

Departure: July 3 - August 19, 1979

Cost: \$1,225 U.S.

FAMILIES ON KIBBUTZ

33 days in Israel. 2 days seminar. 7 days field trips. 24 days on Kibbutz living with the Kibbutzniks.

For more information contact
Hillel Brustin at 232-7306

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SUNDAY, MARCH 4

151 Chapel Street, Ottawa

Main Auditorium

One Session

Intermediate to Advanced 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

\$2.00 per person

To pre-register, contact Nina Alexandor at 232-7306

MOSHIKO, the Israeli creator of Folk Dance, who has choreographed several original works for the Ami HAI Dancers, was a principal dancer with INBAL, the Yemenite Dance Theatre of Israel. He is well known internationally for his creative style in both Yemenite and Arab folkloric which has earned him enthusiastic admiration for his special type of dance. His three previous workshops in Ottawa have been well attended. Don't miss this one!

Jewish Men's Softball League

The Jewish Men's Softball League is in the process of forming this year's league structure. We would like to add at least two new teams to the league. We are looking for captains and people who are interested in entering a team, and new players who did not play last year.

All players, captains, and teams must register by March 14, 1979. To register call the Physical Education Department at the Jewish Community Centre, 232-7306.

A general meeting will be held at the J.C.C. on March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. All interested parties may attend.



Kiddy Gymnastics

The Spring session begins March 29/79 and ends on June 7/79. Fees are free for J.C.C. members and \$10.00 for Non-Members.

Two classes will be available for 3 to 5 year olds on Thursdays: One at 2:20 until 3:00 p.m.; the other from 3:00 to 3:40 p.m. Register your child now since there are only a few spaces left. Call Ron Boro or Louise Cloutier at the Physical Education Department, or mail in the registration form on this page.

We Are Looking For Men!

Any age, to coach Ladies Softball. The job will require approximately 6 hours per week for a 12-week schedule (one practice, plus one game per week).

Contact Ron or Louise in the Phys. Ed. office at 232-7306.

Jewish Community Centre

CHESS CLUB

A new Club open to anyone who can play Chess.

TUESDAYS, 8 p.m.

SOCIAL HALL, J.C.C.

For information call:

Larry Shalit — 234-2457

Nina Alexandor — 232-7306



March Is Jogging Month

To promote jogging and cardiovascular fitness, the Physical Education Department is going to ask you to count your minutes instead of your miles. T-shirts will be awarded for running 5 to 9 hours, depending on your level of fitness and the length of time you have been involved in fitness classes.

have been in classes from one to three years, will be aiming for 7 hours. This will involve some morning running before class or time spent outdoors running at the Centre.

The advanced joggers are those who have been involved in a fitness program for more than three years or feel they can reach the 9-hour goal.

You can log your minutes in a book that will be kept in the Gym office. The program begins March 1. So be prepared! Regular attendance at fitness class will earn you a 5, 7 or 9-hour joggers T-shirt.

Fee: \$2.50 — to cover cost of program, to be paid in Gym office.

Women's Softball League

Department, 151 Chapel Street, Ottawa, Ontario. K1N 7Y2, or bring it in if you intend to come to the meeting.



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Address _____ Business _____

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 B) Good
 C) Fair
 D) Which Way Is First

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Address _____ Postal Code _____

Age _____ Class Time _____

J.C.C. Member: _____ Yes _____ No _____

Payment to accompany form.

(Make cheques payable to the Jewish Community Centre)

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Jewish Community Centre News



President Lisa Millstone (Yonim Girls) reports that the 50th Anniversary of the Beauhart Ball turned out to be one of this year's greatest events. Over 300 new and old alumni came out to the Beth Shalom Synagogue in Toronto. Our Ottawa contingent of forty enjoyed themselves very much. Thanks goes out to all our new and old friends who made our visit one to remember for a long time. Also congratulations goes out to the Beauhart Committee and to all those involved, especially Ted, Sonia and Florence.

On January 30, Yonim and B'Shert girls participated in a special evening with their Mother Chapter (Parliament Chapter 1041). This evening turned out to be a very informative one. We would like to thank Rabbi Bulka, our guest moderator and all those women and BBG girls who turned out.

Toronto-Belleville-Ottawa-Conclave February 23, 1979 (Ottawa, Ontario.)

There will be about 50 B'nai B'rith youth arriving in Ottawa on Friday afternoon, February 23. Chairperson Penny Toronto reports that this weekend planned should be one of great fun. Any B'nai B'rith Youth who is able to accommodate one or more of our guests for the weekend, please contact Penny at 523-5388.

President John Dover (Palmach Boys) is happy to announce that their CASINO NIGHT PROGRAM is well underway. This marks the sixth year that Palmach Boys in affiliation with the Jewish Community Centre have put on this evening. REMEMBER: All those new members who have signed up during our MEMBERSHIP MADNESS MONTH campaign are entitled to receive free admission to the program. Anyone who still wishes to join our B'nai B'rith Youth Program can do so and still be entitled to free admission to that night program by registering at the B.B.Y.O. booth that evening.

Kallah: An experience you won't want to forget March 16-19.

For more info. please call the B.B.Y.O. office at 523-5388.

The Herzl 112 AZA Chapter of Windsor, Ontario, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, is proud to announce its 50th Anniversary.

The celebration of this momentous occasion is scheduled for the weekend of April 7th and 8th. The program will be highlighted by a special Shabbat Morning Community Wide Service, a Saturday Evening Cocktail Reception and Dance, and a Reunion Brunch on Sunday Morning.

Jobs for Teens Babysitting Co-Op

For all teens 13 years and older interested in babysitting jobs, the Jewish Community Centre Youth Department will be running a Babysitting Co-op.

An orientation seminar will be held Wednesday, March 7, 1979 at the J.C.C. during which time techniques and skills required to work with children up to 10 years of age will be taught. After the seminar, a list of potential babysitters will be compiled.

To register as a potential babysitter, call Shelli Witten at the Youth Office — 232-7306.

TEEN GROUP DIRECTORY

The following is a list of teen group supervisors for Jewish youth. For any general information, please call Bernie Farber at the Jewish Community Centre.

J.C.C. Youth Dept. — Bernie Farber, 232-7306.
B.B.Y.O. — Howard Osterer, 532-3810.
Temple Israel Youth — Debbie Viner, 224-1802.
N.C.S.Y. — Eliot Malomet, 596-1945.
DROR-Habonim — Hillel Brustein, 232-7306.
U.S.Y. — Elliot Berman, 745-7680; Allison Davis, 729-5587.

The Word . . .

by Bernie Farber

Director, Youth Services



Families Can Find Sitters AT JCC Co-op

The Jewish Community Centre Youth Department is initiating a "Babysitting Co-op". Interested teens will receive training on proper care of children.

A list of potential babysitters will be compiled by the Centre. A list of parents requiring babysitting services will also be made up. This will allow placement of babysitters with families in their neighbourhood.

Families interested in availing themselves of this service should contact Shelli Witten at the Youth Office — 232-7306.

Camping Services Conference

I have recently returned from a JWB camping services conference held in Miami Beach, Florida. Besides having the warm Florida sunshine touch my soul, I am happy to report that the convention itself served as a basis for concrete learning and Day Camp programming.

Having the opportunity to meet with your professional colleagues and to share your own trials and tribulations of putting together a Day Camp program is an exciting and supportive experience.

I am also happy to report that the Ottawa Jewish Community Centre Day Camp 1978 theme of last summer (Kibbutz Experience) was well received by the 200 odd delegates to this convention. As a result JCC Daycamps from Boston, New York and Texas have expressed an interest in developing the same theme this summer. Full credit for this program must go to our Program Director from last year, Ms. Janet Kimmel.

In terms of the Workshops held, as a whole they were energetic, informative and quite a learning experience for all individuals involved. Probably the two most stimulating Workshops were given on the

final two days of the conference. The first being HOLOCAUST — a 6 hour in-depth discussion and program development for daycamping on the Holocaust.

Through this Workshop, Holocaust programming for Jewish youngsters in a camp setting was developed to the extent that our Tisha B'Av program this summer will incorporate many of the ideas discussed.

Secondly, Dr. Bernard Reisman of Brandeis University led an experiential Jewish Workshop entitled "Getting in touch with ourselves as Jews". For 6 hours (non-stop) we opened our past personal Jewish lives to a small group of our colleagues, in so doing, trying to come to terms with our own Jewish value system. To fully give justice to this Workshop on paper is difficult; to experience it, is a once in a lifetime venture.

The importance of such conferences is paramount to the Jewish experience itself. Only through education and re-education can Jewish professionals working within the Jewish communal field better help to serve the families within their community.

Plan Shalach Manot Purim Bake-in

A community Purim Bake-in will be held on March 5 at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Centre. The baked goods will be distributed to shut-ins.

Some of the leading religious leaders of the community will also be present in the early afternoon to participate in a hamantaschen bake-off. The competition will be on an extremely high level. An impartial panel of 5 year old students will adjudicate; winning hamantaschen will be served to the Golden Age Club.

To volunteer to help with the morning baking contact: Lorna Bernbaum — 235-5755, Lynn Toronto — 224-1802 or Nina Alexandor — 232-7306.



CARNIVAL
MARCH 11, SUNDAY: 1:00-5:00 PM
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FROM THE BULLETIN MAIL BAG

How Inflation Has Affected Israel Bonds

To The Editor:

David B. Brooks' letter to The Editor in the January 26 issue of the Bulletin, is a most illuminating example of the aid we unwittingly give the oil rich Arab States by failing to conserve energy. While we do not question his calculations, we do call attention to the fact that the lowest denomination of Israel Bond now available is \$250. The sale of the \$100 Bond was discontinued after the 1973 Yom Kippur War when a new Reconstruction and Development Issue was authorized by the Knesset.

This correction in no way vitiates the thrust of Mr. Brooks' letter. Israel Bonds and energy conservation indeed make an "ideal team", but they should not be viewed as a mere offset and the amount of funds invested in Israel Bonds should not be limited to monies saved by energy conservation.

The changing political and historical background

brought by the prospect for peace between Israel and Egypt has fashioned a new mandate for Israel Bonds that includes renewed strengthening of the country's infra-structure — such as expansion of roads, communications, irrigation, electric power, transport and other facilities — and a massive development programme in the Negev.

The reason for this is that if a treaty is signed during the coming year, we will see the redeployment of civilian and military populations from the Sinai and construction of new installations in the Negev, that will cost billions of dollars. The cost of much of this development programme in the Negev

will be met through the sale of Israel Bonds.

While energy conservation will provide monetary savings that may be invested in Israel Bonds as well as many environmental benefits, these savings are obviously inadequate to meet Israel's increased needs. Only through increased purchases of Israel Bonds and greater participation of the Jewish community in the Bond programme can Israel hope to obtain the vast funds needed to meet the challenges of peace.

John Greenberg
Campaign Chairman
State of Israel Bonds

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FOR AGE 16—17



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WHEN: Sunday, March 4, 1979
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Contact Hillel Brustin
Work: (613) 232-7306
Home: (613) 225-6557

SCHOOLS

Prize Winning Letters Tell What Peace Means To Israel

Students of the various Jewish schools of Ottawa wrote letters to Prime Minister Menachem Begin on the subject "What Peace Means to Israel". These letters were written in connection with the Rally for Peace held on December 10, 1978, at Beth Shalom Congregation by Ottawa State of Israel Bonds with the support of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir.

All of the letters indicate a deep awareness of the problems facing Israel and how peace will remedy or at least relieve them. Space does not permit reproduction of all of the more than one hundred letters submitted. Several of the prize winning letters are reprinted in this issue of the Bulletin and more will be published at a later date.

Prizes for the winning letters will be presented to the winning students at appropriate school ceremonies.

Peace means for Israel, no more war and people getting killed. And it gives the country a chance to grow. If there was peace, the money that goes to buy equipment for the army could be spent on building better farmlands and buying better farming equipment. It could be spent on homes that are needed — especially for the poor people, who live in slums. Money and even more important the young people in the army could be used to work with teenagers. They could make programs to help the youth to keep them off the streets and out of trouble. Money that is used for defense could be used for research.

If peace came to Israel, the people would be able to travel in the Arab countries. They could get more supplies from Arab countries especially oil. They could trade with Arabs and work with them for the good of both the Jews and Arabs.

Most important of all, the young people will not have to face a war. They can plan their lives and what they want to do in life. Families won't have to worry about generation after generation going to war and perhaps being killed.

Jonathan Gilboa
Grade 6
Talmud Torah
Afternoon School

Dear Mr. Begin:

Shalom! My name is Gail Schnider. I saw you and shook

your hand when you were in Ottawa. Now about the peace talks. I hope that you and President Sadat sign the peace treaty soon. There have been five wars between Israel and Egypt and so many people have died. Don't you think that Israel and Egypt have had enough wars? Peace would mean that Israelis and Arabs could live together peacefully and help each other with their skills. Also there would be no more attacks on tourist buses and bombs. Everybody is human so why can't we live in peace? Good luck in signing the peace treaty. I hope you'll come back to Ottawa soon!

Sincerely,
Gail Schnider
Ottawa Modern
Jewish School
Grade 6

Dear Mr. Begin:

I'm sure I don't have to tell you how happy and proud Jews all over the world are since you have been awarded the Nobel prize for peace, but even more significant than happiness and pride is the realization that the day we have all been hoping for, will soon be here — that wonderful day, when war will be ended and Israel and its neighbours will live in peace.

Surely, you and President Carter and President Sadat have set before the world a marvellous example — men of different religions, cultures and political viewpoints, sitting down together with honesty and sincerity in an attempt to bring about a workable compromise that would allow their peoples to live a good and productive life in harmony.

It took much courage on your part, President Carter's and President Sadat's part to talk together and confront your own opinions, of which many were different.

Not just Jews, but all mankind, have ongoing hope and faith in the outcome of this year's Camp David talks.

Peace in the middle-east would be just like the coming of the Messiah to Jews around the world.

Yours truly,
Sarah Davis
Talmud Torah
Afternoon School
Grade 7

Dear Prime Minister Begin:

I was only eight years old at the time but I still recall the Yom Kippur War. It seemed so distant and vague to watch a war on the six o'clock news, but

only too real for my eyes. Although I'd never know just how war felt, I could see determination and fear in the eyes of fighting soldiers. "Why do men fight like that to one another?" I asked. Now that I am thirteen I understand. Could it be greed or hatred or maybe even insanity? Now the lives and feelings of Israelis and Jews all over the world are being changed. Changed by two lives. Two human beings in a world of billions. The need for peace is long overdue and now finally something is being done.

It is in that way that you, Prime Minister Begin, greatly deserve that Nobel Peace prize. What would it be like for a Jew in Israel, to wake up in the morning in a peaceful land?, to go off to work and not worry about being called to war. Wouldn't it be great to read the evening newspaper and not find some disastrous event that happened that day.

It finally means security in the promised land, to grow and expand into a larger nation to be as Jews, together as one.

Sincerely yours,
Laya Steinberg
Hillel Academy
Ottawa
Grade 8

Dear Mr. Begin:
I am a pupil of Hillel Academy, Ottawa. I'm writing in honour of your winning the Nobel Peace Prize.

While we in Canada can't possibly feel the stress and pressure of war time, we can try to understand. Peace, even with one country of many, is a worthy cause worth striving after. It would rapidly boost Israel's failing economy. It would allow more young people to turn their guns into ploughshares and work the ground. It would lessen the threat of war and if, G-d forbid, there should be a war, fighting would be that much lighter. I, not living in Israel, can barely touch on the benefits of peace because for me it's taken for granted.

When I get a little older I will come to Israel to make my life there. I am also thinking seriously of serving in the army.

Congratulations, someday the entire Jewish world (and in time the Arab world too) will thank you and remember you as a hero.

Miriam Tanenbaum
Hillel Academy
Grade 8

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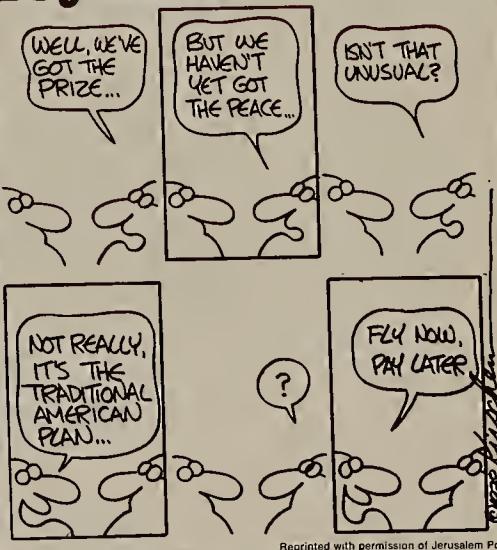
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People in the News

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Schenley Award

Murray Osterer, a member of the 1978 National Finalist Ottawa Sooners Football Club, was presented with a Schenley Award February 10 in Oshawa, Ontario, after being selected as one of the two Ontario Football Conference's all-star offensive tackles.

Mr. Osterer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Osterer of Ottawa. He is currently completing a degree in Political Science at Montreal's Concordia University.

Murray follows in the



Murray Osterer

footsteps of his brother Howard, who won similar all-star laurels in 1974 and 1976 with the Sooners in a defensive capacity.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Weiner announce the engagement of their daughter Arlene to Stephen Kershman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Judah Kershman of Ottawa. A September Wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. S.A. (Wally) Cronick announce the engagement of their son David to Miss Sue-Zyn Shapiro daughter of Mrs. R. Shapiro of Montreal. Wedding to take place on May.

Jewish Pen - Friends

International Jewish Correspondence is a new service devoted to linking Jewish individuals throughout the world through the medium of correspondence. Through the aegis of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Jews have been asked to write to IJC if they wish a Jewish pen-friend abroad.

When an individual writes for one or more pen-pals, he should enclose a self-addressed envelope and either a Canadian or American air mail stamp or an international reply coupon (which is available at all post offices worldwide) so that the addresses he requests can be sent to him. All requests for pen-pals should be addressed to: IJC, 2695 McWillis, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H4R 1M5.

Persons writing should enclose a covering letter including the following information:

I. Name and complete address

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3. Sex
4. Languages read and understood
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9. Interests, hobbies, and ambitions

Since IJC will be receiving mail from Canada in English and French and from Jewish communities all over the world in a multiplicity of languages, it is crucial that those who write indicate the languages they can read to assist in finding them the number of pen-pals they desire, as rapidly as possible.

There is no charge for this service, other than for postage in the form of stamps or an international reply coupon.

Undoubtedly, one of the better presentations on the subject of cults was the program put together by the Jewish Community Centre and Temple Israel in December. Although I was out of town when the program was presented, I, nevertheless, have since seen it in full on the local cable channel.

On the other hand, one of the most dismal presentations on this very topic was a late night presentation by a major network just a short while ago. The program brought together selected individuals who were supposedly expert in one or another facet of cults. The program was geared towards making delineations between cults and established religions—where does the one end and the other begin?

In the process of approaching this topic, the program and its participants managed to show an abysmal ignorance. Time and again, the Canadian representative of one of the most notorious cults projected a very serene image with an English accent that could fool almost anyone. Charges of mind control, separating of families, "urging" the turning over of personal possessions were categorically denied and, to the untutored eye, quite convincingly; this although the overwhelming evidence points to the contrary. Furthermore, the requirements to commit

suicide over certain circumstances were refuted, even though this is a basic part of that cult's game plan.

Most ludicrous was that part of the program which focused on the so-called Judeo-Christian heritage, as if there is such a thing—the Jewish heritage is one thing and the Christian heritage another. It defies belief to think that the consensus of the program, which included two Canadian heads of cults, a housewife, a number of professors, and a born again you-know-what, should have agreed that a certain notorious cult follows along the lines of the Judeo-Christian heritage; all this in spite of the fact that the leader of this cult has on record praised Hitler for the actions he took against the Jews. These people must literally have their heads in the moon!

Viable Definition

Getting hung up on definitions is perhaps an exercise in futility, but it may be useful for our own purposes to come up with a viable definition. It might be proposed that a cult is any group which orients itself around a specific individual or group leader, following blindly and without question or doubt. If we use such an operational definition then some of the great religions of the world would "qualify," those who follow blindly the person who is said to be God or embody God, even to the point of killing or crusading in that person's name.

Whilst the world was horrified by the Jonestown massacre, we should surely not forget the countless massacres perpetrated on Jews in the name of a person whom the Jews "refused" to accept, culminating, of course, in the horrible, unspeakable tragedy of the Holocaust. The refusal to join what became a well-organized and well-populated cult, has sown the seeds of anti-Jewishness in the world which prevails to this very moment.

Plug for Judaism

In closing, I would like to put in a plug, not subtly, but very overtly, for Judaism. It could be said quite categorically that of all the religions and cults, we are the furthest removed from personalities. Judaism orients around God only and God's word as it has been transmitted. It is there for anyone to analyze. Dare anyone change what has been transmitted in the Torah and that person is immediately labelled as a false prophet. Judaism does not allow for blindly following anyone. It is rather a lifestyle which orients around God and urges the living of Godly values.

A most immediate means by which we, as Jews, can counter the cult-like religions which surround us more than we know is to reapply ourselves towards Judaism, to understand firsthand how Judaism is not only different but more profound, more sensible, more sensitive, and more attuned towards bringing out the best in us.

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Pictured from left to right: Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, Mrs. Clara Balinsky, National President Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, Mr. Daniel Kingston, Q.C., Chairman, Jubilee Research Foundation, and Ambassador Mordechai Shalev.

Hadassah Establishes Canada-Israel Award

Establishment of a unique program of awards for post-doctoral scholars in Israel and in Canada, has been announced by the Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada.

The project, with Professor Yigael Yadin, Deputy Prime Minister of Israel, serving as the Honorary Advisor in Israel, is to be known as the "Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Jubilee Research Foundation" to commemorate the

organization's more than six decades of service to academia.

Deputy Prime Minister Yadin was in Montreal to attend the official inauguration of the Foundation, whose terms of reference provide:

— Post-doctoral awards to Israel and Canadian academics to pursue investigative research in any Israel university of their choice.

— Awards are to be made by a selected Academic Committee composed of prestigious figures from among Canadians and Israel academics.

— Endowments will be invested from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000. A \$1,000,000 endowment will produce an annual income for grants to 10 "scholars" who will be named after the donor. Endowments of \$100,000 will provide grants for one post-doctoral "Fellow."

— Gifts to be held in perpetuity, with the income providing the annual grants.

Clara Balinsky, Hadassah-WIZO's National President described the Foundation project as unique and necessary, for these reasons:

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For tickets call Ruth Levitan — 728-0451 or Agudath Israel Synagogue — 728-3501.

Everyone is welcome.

B'nai B'rith Holds Brunch

B'nai B'rith Women, Ottawa Chapter 421, will hold their annual Brunch on Sunday, March 11 at 11:00 am at the home of Lil Gertisman, 200 Rideau Terrace, Apartment 1401.

Club for Hard of Hearing

The Hard of Hearing Club meets next on March 1 at 7:30 pm at the Free Methodist Church, Monk and 5th Ave, (near Bank).

Feature Films In Yiddish

Two Yiddish movies with English sub-titles are shown recently at the Machzikei Hadas Synagogue.

Coming up in the four-part series are "American Schadchen" on March 10 and "God, Man and Devil" on March 24.

Admission is \$2.50 per person per movie. Refreshments and free parking are available.

For further information, call 521-9700.

For Recreation

The public is invited to Israeli Folk Dancing Sundays 7:30 pm at Temple Israel.

Sabbath of Prayer For Syrians

Saturday, March 10, Shabbat Zachor, has been designated by the Canadian Jewish Congress to be the Sabbath of Remembrance and Prayer for the Jews forced to remain in Syria and other Arab countries.

It is also the Yahrzeit of the four young Jewish girls from Damascus, Laura, Farah and Toni Zebbah and Eva Saad who were killed and mutilated four years ago while trying to escape the horror of Syria.

Letters are being sent to Rabbis throughout Canada requesting that they dedicate that service and deliver an appropriate sermon and prayers for the beleaguered Jewish community in Syria.

The National Committee for Jews in Arab Lands of the CJC hopes that Canadian organizations and individuals will arrange for telegrams and letters of protest to be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, to the Minister of External Affairs, Don Jamieson, Immigration Minister Bud Cullen and Members of Parliament asking for open emigration of Syrian Jews to a friendly country such as Canada, and for reunification of Syrian Jewish families with relatives in Canada.

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Charity Rate Is Linked To Involvement, Study Finds

There is a strong link between Jewish identity through Jewish involvement and giving to Jewish charity. Thus, the weakening of Jewish observance and involvement threatens the future of Jewish philanthropy. That is the conclusion of "Will the Well Run Dry? — The Future of Jewish Giving in America," a new study by sociologists Paul Ritterband (City College of New York) and Steven M. Cohen (Queens College).

An NJCC research project has discovered a generation gap in Jewish philanthropic styles: the younger generation gives only when experientially committed.

"Will the Well Run Dry?," which was commissioned by the National Jewish Conference Center and is the first of a projected six "Policy Studies, '79," is based upon a reanalysis of data from a survey conducted by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston during 1975. The survey shows that, however Jewish involvement is defined — whether observance of mitzvot, membership in Jewish organizations, participation in rallies on behalf of Soviet Jewry, trips to Israel or reading Jewish books — "high"

Jewish involvement leads to significantly greater proclivity to give at all, as well as higher levels of giving to Jewish causes than does "low" involvement.

Even more importantly, the study shows that differences in Jewish giving based upon Jewish involvement are greater for those in the 30-44 age range than they are for those in the 45-60 range. Among the former group, 49 per cent of those with a "high" degree of Jewish involvement gave to the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, versus only 13 per cent of those with a "low" involvement (among the 45-60 age range, the corresponding figures were 79 per cent and 59 per cent). The authors note a greater polarization in Jewish life and philanthropy among the younger generation: those involved in Jewish life have a variety of commitments, including giving, while those with a "low" involvement are inclined, far more than their parents, to move in non-Jewish circles and to give to non-Jewish causes.

Other aspects of the study deal with the low correlation between "Jewish attitudes" and giving, the differential effect on giving of each observance, and the role of the open society in

affecting Jewish philanthropic behavior.

Cohen and Ritterband conclude by noting that "without recourse to sermons and special pleading, the evidence clearly shows the necessity for Jewish 'moral capital formation,'" i.e., investing in Jewish education, experience, identity and environment. The stark implication is that unless the Jewish community invests in the renewal and deepening of Jewish identity, life-style and observance, there will be an erosion, and possibly even a collapse, of the extra-ordinary philanthropic system created by the American Jews during the past thirty years.

"We are living off our capital. As a community, we are milking memories and sentiments," warn Ritterband and Cohen, and add, "Rational, self-interested philanthropic leadership will invest in Jewish moral capital formation in order to stay in business. The business of Jewish philanthropy is the Jews."

This study is available to the public by writing to the National Jewish Conference Center, 250 W. 57th St., New York, New York, 10019. The cost is \$1.50 per copy.

Need Addresses

Anyone having addresses or information on the following graduates of Hillel Academy is asked to call Myra Aronson at 731-6306: Edward Berkowitz (1963), Jeffrey Weitz (1965), David Weitz (1964), Nathah Malamuth (1964), Ehud Ben Zakkai (1977).

The information is required to complete the invitation list for the school's 30th anniversary celebrations in early April.

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